

Brassall Newsletter

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Rule of the Term:

Be Respectful

Thought for the Week:

He who never made a mistake, never made a discovery.

Term 2 Planner

23 May	CSIRO - Materials Arounds Us - Yr 1
23 May	Ipswich Eisteddfod - Singing Choirs Junior
27, 28 May	Ipswich Beginner Instrumental Camp
29 May	Ipswich Eisteddfod - Choral Speaking Choirs
30 May	Student of the Month Assembly
4 Jun	CSIRO - Apprentice Scientist Year 3
4 Jun	Year 2 Science Workshop - Toys
4 Jun	9 a side Rugby League Gala Day
9 Jun	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
18 Jun	Parents V Teachers Netball Game
19 Jun	Yr 4 to 7 Running Heats
20 Jun	Prep to 7 Athletics
24 Jun	Level A & B Behaviour Level Parties
26 Jun	Performing Arts Tour
27 Jun	Student of the Month Assembly
27 Jun	Term 2 ends

Term 3 Planner

14 Jul	Term 3 commences
15, 16 Jul	Yr 2 CSIRO - Living Things
21-25 Jul	Yr 5 Camp
28, 29 Jul	NAIDOC
1 Aug	Student of the Month
12-15 Aug	Yr 6 & 7 Camp
16 Aug	P & C Fete
16 Aug	Talent Quest Finals
21 Aug	Singfest - Singing Choirs - Junior
29 Aug	Student of the Month
19 Sept	Student of the Month
19 Sept	Term 3 ends

N.B. Dates are correct at time of printing, and may change if deemed necessary.

Payment - Closing Dates

No money will be accepted after these dates

23 May	Ipswich Speech & Drama
29 May	BOOKCLUB DUE
30 May	Yrs 3 & 3/4/5W CSIRO Lab on Legs - Apprentice Scientist
30 May	Yr 2 'Robo Mania'
20 Jun	Yr 1 "Trouble in Storybook Land"
11 Jul	Year 5 Camp
1 Aug	Yr 6 & 7 Camp - Maroon

Finance Hours

8 am to 10am Daily

P & C Association News

At the P & C Annual General Meeting held on Monday evening, the current Executive was re-elected for the 2014-2015 year.

Mr Ashley Saunders	President
Mr Andrew Eaton	Vice President
Mrs Julie Pickwell	Secretary
Mrs Nicole Lovey	Assistant Secretary
Mrs Trudi Kemp	Treasurer
Mrs Alison Westphal	Assistant Treasurer

We express our thanks to those who have served and continue to serve on the Executive, and look forward to supporting the students of Brassall State School in the year ahead.

The P&C Association also wishes to acknowledge the contribution of Mr Gavin Tupper for doing the Audit at a considerable cost saving to the association, and presented Mr Tupper with a gift.

Across the Principal's Desk ...



Legendary Eisteddfod Effort

Brassall's Performing Arts program continues to shine with our Choirs well represented this week at the Ipswich District Eisteddfod. Our students performed exceptionally well within their respective sectors and achieved some tremendous results:

- Glee Performers - 1st Place.
- Senior Singing Choir - Highly Commended.



I would like to make a special acknowledgement of Music Specialist Mrs Natasha Raddie who goes the extra mile for our students with great enthusiasm and high quality instruction. A big thanks also to our Performing Arts parents who assist throughout a very busy Eisteddfod period, making sure our students look 'smart and professional' on the day!

I'm looking forward to sharing with you news of our Junior Choir who perform tomorrow.

Have you been to the Learning Place?

Queensland state school students can access engaging online games and resources from home to reinforce and extend classroom lessons by logging onto the **Learning Place**, the Department of Education, Training and Employment's secure eLearning environment. Parents can work with their children to consolidate knowledge, extend their children's understanding of concepts or simply spend time completing fun, interactive activities with their children.

From home, students simply go to the [Learning Place website](#) or alternatively type "The Learning Place" as a search. Once on the site, students click on the link 'Student's Space' located in the box on the right hand side of the page. Students will then need to enter their departmental network logon and password. This is the same logon and password that students use to log onto the computers in their classrooms. Their logon is usually the first letter of the first name, followed by the first four letters of their surname, followed by a number. If a student does not know their logon and password, their classroom teacher will be able to provide them with this information.

Once logged on, students are taken to the spaces relevant for their year level e.g. Prep to Year 3 students will be taken to the 'Early Phase' space. Students can view a wide range of learning resources sourced by the department, as well as those specifically chosen by their classroom teacher. Teachers can provide students with Learning Pathways to support their learning needs.

Students and parents can search for learning resources which can be sorted by age/grade, subject or resource type (learning object, interactive resource, virtual book, assessment, image, website, moving image, video/

animation, Webquest, sound/audio, text, article etc.).

Primary-aged students tend to find learning objects and interactive resources to be the most enjoyable and engaging while secondary students are more likely to use the non-fiction resources such as images, text, video, websites and sound files.

On the new Brassall SS website, you will find the Learning Place icon in the *Quicklinks* section on our Homepage - just one click, and you're there!



Being a Learner - NAPLAN Done and Dusted at Brassall

The media has devoted considerable space to NAPLAN related stories across Queensland last week. While NAPLAN is simply a "point-in-time" test and in no way measures the totality of a well-rounded education, it does provide us with a very useful "snapshot" of student performance in aspects and Literacy and Numeracy.

It is with great appreciation that I commend the teachers and support staff of Brassall for preparing our students for last weeks' National Testing for Years 3, 5 and 7 students. Our teachers worked diligently since the beginning of 2014 focussed on Reading and Reading Comprehension, and our students certainly worked hard to *'be the best that they can be'* throughout this period also. Well done to everyone involved!

School Uniform Notice

With the arrival of cooler weather recently, I have noticed a small number of our students are not wearing the appropriate school uniform, especially in relation to 'jumpers'. Our school jumper is reasonably priced (\$20) and costs much less than the type of jumpers I have noticed some students wearing (e.g. 'Surf' or 'Skate' apparel). Our school colours are **Royal Blue and Maroon**, therefore the clothing children wear to school needs to reflect this. Brassall State School is a 'uniform school' and it is expected that all students will wear the correct school uniform. I take this matter seriously because we wish the school to reflect the high standards that you have set and rightly expect of us.

Mothers' Day Thanks to our Brassall's Volunteer Mums!

On behalf of our students and Brassall community my sincere thanks to those dedicated Brassall Mums who organised the fantastic Mothers' Day Stall recently. The stall was a great hit with the children and went a long way to relieving a 'Stressful Saturday' for many Dads out there!

A massive thanks to **Jo Baker, Kylie Grainger, Fiona Bentley, Sandy Eaton**, and to some welcome some new Mums to the band of merry helpers this year - **Amanda Neuendorf, Emmilie Myles, Leesa Osmond and Melanie Davies**.

Project U2B - Being Super Learners

For 9 weeks students from Year 5 participated in an online learning program called Project U2B. The project provided students with the opportunity to deeply engage in Mathematical problem solving through a targeted learning program that improves strategic 'know-how'.



The students involved in the project were: Samuel L, Regan B (not pictured), Courtney D B, Katie G, Ace L, Kane M-S, Ezra R, Luke S, Jack S, Amber T-K and Khan T. The students are to be congratulated for their focused commitment to learning. Well done!

Greg Brand,
Principal

From the Deputies' Desks

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)

Focus lessons for week:

Week 6: Be Responsible at the Buzz On In Café - speak clearly and use polite words, order before school, spend only own money, know what you want before being served.

Week 7: Be Responsible - Use the music cue to be in line, quietly waiting for your teacher.

Our New "Welcome To Brassall Buzz Zone" Signs

By now, everyone would have noticed our great new signs at the entrances to our school. These signs welcome everybody to our school and also display our expectations for all who enter. The weekly focus lesson titles that are sent home in the *Brassall Buzz* all fall into our 4 Expectations - Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe and Be A Learner.



Please continue to talk with your children about these expectations, discuss with them if a Reflection letter is sent home and celebrate with them when they complete each Buzz card and in particular, each series of 5 Buzz cards.

Buzz's Designated Parent Waiting Area:

Please note where these signs are located and wait within these areas for your child(ren) in the afternoon. These will be placed in areas so as to least disrupt your child's learning. Your child is Being A Learner until that final home bell rings - every minute counts.



Every Minute Counts at Brassall:

A number of these laminated signs have been placed on noticeboards around the school. Please read them as they are very important for the education of your child - every minute does count.

Rayne Penny,
Deputy Principal

BRASSALL STATE SCHOOL

Parents/Carers please consider the following information...

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!!

8.30am	Your child has arrived in time to settle well and has the best start possible.
8.40am	Your child has probably arrived just after most children as the school day starts at 8:40am
8.41am	Your child is late and has missed the beginning of the school day, being a few minutes late often unsettles children.
8.45am	5 minutes late a day means 3 lost days a year.
8.50am	10 minutes late a day means 6 lost days a year.
8.55am	15 minutes late a day means 9 lost days a year.

If your child is absent.....

- ✦ 1 day per fortnight...they will miss over one year of school by the end of Year 12
- ✦ 1 day per week...they will miss approximately 2.5 years of school by the end of Year 12
- ✦ 2 days per week...they will miss over approximately 5 years of school by the end of Year 12

School News

Performing Arts News!!

Heats for the Brassall's Got Talent will begin in Week 7 - Final entries need be in to the Business Office by Friday May 30.

A note will be given to participants about their performance date/venue. The finals will be held at the school fete on SATURDAY 16 AUGUST. We have some surprise "celebrity" judges!!

School Sport

Fixtures – Friday 23 May	Fixtures – Friday 30 May
Rugby League - Norths #2 Jnr v Central at 12:45pm Snr v Central at 1:30pm	Rugby League - Norths #3 Jnr v Karalee at 12:45pm Snr v Hatton Vale at 1:30pm
Soccer Girls v Hatton Vale at Rangers RU, Woodend #1 Boys v St Josephs @ Sutton Park #2	Soccer Girls v Ips West @ Ips West SS Boys v Amberley @ Stallard Pk, Yamanto
Netball - Limestone Park Courts Snr C v Walloon on Court 12 @ 12:45pm Snr D v Walloon on Court 20 @ 12:45pm Jnr D1 v Ips Nth on Court 12 @ 1:35pm Jnr D3 v St Josephs on Court 24 @ 12:45pm	Netball - Limestone Park Courts Snr C v St Brigids on Court 7 @ 12:45pm Snr D v St Josephs on Court 18 @ 12:45pm Jnr D1 v Fernvale on Court 14 @ 1:35pm Jnr D3 v Hatton Vale on Court 22 @ 12:45pm

Community Billboard

The Ipswich State High School

2015 ENROLMENT INFORMATION SESSIONS — YEARS 7 AND 8

Our Junior Secondary curriculum offers variety and choice. We have excellence programs in Academic, Sporting and The Arts pathways. We specialise in creating individualised learning programs for all students, including gifted and talented, special needs and cultural diversity.

Our Junior Secondary model positively supports students in all areas of academic and social development as they transition from primary to high school.

RESOURCE CENTRE
FIRST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH
3:30PM TO 4:30PM
PLEASE PHONE 38134488 TO REGISTER

ALL ENROLMENTS COMPLETED BEFORE TERM 4 GO INTO THE DRAW TO WIN A UNIFORM PACK

BE eSmart! - Online Parenting - Understand your child's digital world - FREE INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Join Ipswich Libraries for a FREE information awareness session. "Online Parenting: understand your child's digital world" is part of our eSmart Libraries program and covers topics including:

- Cyberbullying
- How kids connect using apps and social media
- Risks to kids' personal safety
- Teaching kids how to stay safe online and more

Guest speaker Skye McPhee from 'Pathways to Protection' will be presenting two sessions that would ideally suit parents, grandparents and carers of children in Year 4 and older.

- Monday 26 May 2014 - 10:00am - 11:30am at Ipswich Central Library, Barry Jones Auditorium, 40 South St Ipswich.
- Thursday 12 June 2014 - 9:30am - 11:00am at Redbank Plaza Library, Redbank Plaza Shopping Centre, 1 Collingwood Drive, Redbank.

Booking are essential. Book online at www.library.ipswich.qld.gov.au/events or phone Ipswich Central Library (07) 3810 6815 Redbank Plaza Library (07) 3810 6177